

The immigration "boom" continues. The exact official figures of the May immigration at New York are now recorded at Washington, and the total reached is 55,250. Contrasting these figures with the 18,109 that represent the May preceding, we find that the immigration trebled this year; and this rate of increase has been going on ever since the beginning of the year.

The following sentiment which was found written in the family Bible of Mrs. Hegeman, who was killed in the accident at Gilmore's Garden, New York, is worthy of adoption by every man and woman on earth. "I expect to pass through this life but once. If there is any kindness to show or any good thing I can do my fellowbeings, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it."

Clover and timothy should be cut when in full blossom; if allowed to get ripe the quality of hay is not so good. By beginning early the work need not be hurried. Use the mower after the dew is off in the forenoon. Cut only as much as can be well cared for. It is often remarked that the average quality of hay is not so good as before the introduction of the mowing machines, from the temptation to cut the grass faster than it can be cured.

St. Nicholas for July, 1880, ready June 25th, has a patriotic flavor appropriate to the season; and, in an article written and thoroughly illustrated by Mr. Daniel Beard, it tells the boys and girls how to celebrate the Fourth of July with "Paper Balloons"—how to make them, and how to send them up with safety to both balloons and senders. Poems, seasonable and humorous, and pictures of fun and frolic appear here and there in the number, and the pages devoted to very young readers, to "Jack-in-the-Pulpit's" remarks, the "Letter-box," and the "Riddle-box" are filled with fresh, varied and amusing items, stories, letters from the boys and girls, and puzzles.

The cosmopolitan quality of the magazines of the present day is a curious and noteworthy fact. In Scribner for July, for instance, we notice a paper on the "Norwegian poet and dramatist, Bjornstjerne Bjornson," by his former countryman, Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen; an article descriptive of an excursion to "The Heart of the California Alps," by John Muir; "To Coney Island," by William H. Bishop; Russia is treated of in Eugene Schuyler's "Peter the Great;" the scene of "The Grandissimes" is laid in Louisiana; General McClellan gives an account of his trip to Sicily; George Parson's Lathrop, in "The Sorcery of Madjoon," writes of the curse of China—opium eating; the negro element is touched on in Miss Hopkins' amusing little sketch; George M. Grant does full justice to "Canada," Ernest Ingersoll writes interestingly of Denver, Colorado, and Charles F. Thwing gives an account of the experience of the "Japanese and Chinese Students in America," while Mrs. Laura Winthrop Johnson travels all over Europe in "La Somnambula."

## Correspondence.

### Bogus Pictures.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
June 21, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

As an old subscriber allow me a space in your valuable journal to give expression to a few of my sentiments respecting fraudulent paintings. I noticed in your Tuesday's issue an article referring to certain pretended original paintings said to be the production of celebrated artists which were sold by auction a few nights ago. Now, having been taught in England by a gentleman who dealt in paintings of the old school (Italian masters), I became quite a connoisseur. The other night a small, two-sheet circular got into my hands and I felt inclined to visit the place of sale to examine the said pictures. I no sooner entered the place and seeing five gentlemanly looking individuals, I proceeded to con the articles and on comparing one with the others I pronounced them a consummate fraud. They were and are a complete piracy, and any gentleman wishing any assistance on the purchase of oil paintings by old or new masters can obtain the same on procuring my address, card to be had on application at your office, with your kind permission; a small remuneration

for time spent is all that will be asked by

Your obedient servant,  
B. J. B.

### Grasshoppers in Sanpete.

CHESTER, Utah,  
June 19, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

It is always a pleasure to chronicle facts of brotherly and paternal feelings, for you must know that the "hoppers" were hatched out by millions on the vast hay bottoms contiguous to this place. We were few in number, ruin stared us in the face, and there apparently was no hope nor balm in our Gilead. But our near neighbors, under Bishop Olsen, responded to the call, dug trenches and engulfed the marching hordes as Wellington did the French at Waterloo in well planned trenches. Some one computed this slaughter of the innocents by the Springtown people at 25 bushels in one small trench. This trench and water all around is a superior way to burning. God bless them for the timely help. Bishop Irons, of Moroni, came with his counselor, Brother Bradley, to the seat of war, and he returned Queen of Sheba like, saying "that the half had not been told him," and Moroni sent out her dozens of willing hands and shovels, and thus, by a net work of trenches and flowing streams, we think we have the hopper corralled and our crops saved.

Rumor has it that the Ephraimites have had many acres literally eaten up, but they too are fighting as never men fought before, but I fear the foe was upon and in the fields of grain ere the alarm was given and taken. I hope it is not as bad as rumor has it, for the people of Ephraim are such persistent good fellows they deserve a better thing.

If the great stench from the decaying hoppers, under the now burning sun, does not breed disease, we shall be very thankful.

And whilst I am in the mood to praise men and good deeds, I must not forget Bishop Alfred, who for days has helped in every way to conquer the foe. I fancied I saw and heard something of his old military style and tone when he spoke of attack, march and counter march, and not forsaking a trench till the last shovelful was thrown out. I thought of him as at Echo Cañon. No surrender of post and duty. There seems in this ironclad host a pre-determined line of march, this time north east, and if the advanced guard comes up to a trench they deploy, maneuver round, fall back, and if towards evening they will rest, but by early sun they break camp for the north east, and meet the trench again, their persistency engulfs them.

King Sol has at last risen in his splendor, and evinces a burning admiration for us, but there is a lovely greenness that cheers both heart and pocket thus far. ITEM.

### Mormon Battalion.

BEAVER, June 15, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

The following names, which appear on the muster roll of the Mormon Battalion, as received from the Church Historian's Office, are said, by the chief clerk of the Adjutant-General's office, not to appear on the original roll as filed in the War Department at Washington. That some of them were with the Battalion is well known, but whether soldiers or servants of officers my memory does not serve me. Will parties who are posted be kind enough to drop me a postal card, stating the facts, as I desire to give credit only to those who served in one capacity or the other. The names are: Orson Billings, George Clawson, name scratched out on roll at Washington, Calvin Reed, Judson Pierson, Nathan Young, name crossed out; Henry Thompson, Corporal Martin Ure, George Allen, John Birkley, Jacob Zadok, John Smith, M. Sten-en, William Ure, John Snyder; first enlistment, Lot Smith.

The writing of the Battalion history, except a few corrections mainly on the muster roll, was ended this forenoon, and will soon be submitted for approval or disapproval; as to the latter, however, I am satisfied that nothing will be eliminated that ought to be made public. Should any items be disapproved, I shall be most happy to know that what remains is satisfactory.

Since commencing the writing of this history, other interests have

been awakened, and I am now prepared, where stamps are enclosed for answer, to give any information, not only to members of the Battalion, but soldiers of all wars, free of charge, in relation to pensions, extra pay, land warrants or other claims against the Government, or to prosecute their claims, on reasonable terms.

Your brother,  
DANIEL TYLER.

### Spontaneous Combustion.

PAINTSVILLE, Ky.,  
June 14th, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

About the 15th day of May, 1880, a spontaneous combustion occurred at the house of Mr. John B. Auxier, in this county. The facts as stated by Mr. Auxier, are substantially as follows:

He and his wife went to bed about the usual hour in a room in which there had been no fire, nor had there been any lamp or candle lighted in the room, but they went to bed in the room without the use of any light. At a late hour in the night he was awakened by a sickening smell in the room, and saw that the room was filled with a brilliant light. He told his wife that there was something on fire in the room, to which she said no, there could be nothing on fire for they had not even lighted a match and she did not believe there was a match in the room. He soon fell asleep again. He arose in the morning and went about his work on the farm, not thinking any more about it, until he came home to dinner, when his wife informed him that he was right about fire on the night before; that she having occasion to look in the bureau drawers to get some clean towels, when she found that all the clothing contained in one of the drawers, with two new dress patterns, was burned nearly up, or so much so that none of them was of any use at all. He examined the drawer and found the case as stated by his wife.

Mr. Auxier is an old citizen of Johnson County, is a surveyor; was a member of the General Assembly of the commonwealth of the State of Kentucky; has held several important offices in this county; is a man of honor and integrity; one of the most consistent, reasoning men in this county.

JOHN KEELIN.

ST. GEORGE, Utah,  
June 20th, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

Excessively hot. A slight shower of rain at noon to-day, clouds still linger around. Last evening the Fourth Ward teachers and pupils of the Sunday school gave an entertainment in the Social Hall, singing, readings and recitations being the attraction of the evening. All did well; all gave evidence of improvement, mentally, and bid fair for future usefulness.

The labor of getting up this excellent evening's entertainment was shared by A. H. Riding, Thos. Cottam, Mrs. Julia and Miss Julia Tims, the ladies deserving special praise for their good taste, as well as faithful labors, and were ably assisted by the brethren mentioned.

I think these exhibitions when properly conducted result in good to our Sunday schools, and should be encouraged by the parents and friends of these useful institutions. Would not a greater good be accomplished if parents and guardians would by their presence in our schools occasionally show by word and deed their appreciation of the faithful labors of our teachers who labor for the good of our children.

To-morrow evening a primary meeting will be held to elect delegates to attend a convention to be held in the court House July 5th, for the election of county officers. This is quite an important election to us, as the time of most all of our county officials expires this year, and it is to be hoped that union will prevail throughout the county.

Peas, turnips, potatoes, etc., are becoming quite plentiful here at present.

AMRAM.

### An Interesting Discourse.

OGDEN, June 21, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

After the usual exercises and the administering of the sacrament in the Ogden Tabernacle, on Sunday afternoon, June 20th, Elder Samuel

W. Richards delivered one of the most interesting discourses to which we have listened for sometime past. The subject was the individual application of the principles of the gospel, in which the speaker demonstrated that the counsel, instructions, reproof, etc., which we are apt often to consider just suited to the circumstances, and exactly to fit the case of our neighbor, were more especially applicable to ourselves individually and directly—and that we are responsible to God for the acceptance or rejection of the light and intelligence which is imparted to us by his servants. He also showed that we are responsible, not only for our actions, but likewise for our thoughts—Our actions are often the results of our most deliberate and matured thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and undefiled, our actions will be correspondingly good. If we have a conscience void of offense towards God we will not seek to injure our brother or any of our fellow men. Hence the necessity of cultivating the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, that we may be guided by it, that it may influence us in all our thoughts, feelings and actions. We should make all the commandments which God has given unto us pertaining to the building up of his kingdom, an individual matter. If we do this when a certain kind of instruction is given to us we will each consider them applicable to our own case, and not think they are more peculiarly adapted to the condition of our neighbor.

Elder Richards also spoke of his former labors in the ministry, and referred to instances in which the power of God had attended his administrations and those of his associates. The speaker bore a powerful testimony to the truth of the work of God, which, he said, is as true now as it was formerly, and ever will be. The discourse was highly interesting and instructive the more so, as the audience in part, consisted of elders who had formerly labored under his administration and others who had been instructed by him in the principles of the gospel in other years and in other lands, during his presidency of the Church in the British isles. The writer saw tears of gratitude spring to the eyes of a number of hearers during the delivering of the discourse by elder Samuel W. Richards.

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### PANGUITCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

Our Quarterly Conference was held May 29 and 30. President E. Snow honored us with his presence, but did not arrive until late on Saturday night. Was with us on Sunday, and after listening to the reports of the Bishops of the various wards, occupied the rest of the forenoon in good fatherly instructions, which were continued in the afternoon, after the authorities, general and local had been presented and sustained.

Hiram S. Church was chosen Bishop of the 2nd Ward of Panguitch, Vice-Bishop Sevy resigned. W. T. Owens and J. B. Heywood chosen counselors to Bishop Church. Monday, 10 a. m.

President Snow with Presidency of the Stake and the Bishops, met with the Relief Society Conference at the Relief Hall, when President Snow gave them some excellent instructions in relation to the duties and responsibilities resting upon the ladies of Zion.

In the afternoon a priesthood meeting was held, where some most excellent instructions were dealt out by several of the brethren.


We have become thoroughly convinced of the necessity of a larger house to hold our conferences in. The bricks have been ordered and we anticipate the time is not far distant when we will have a building large enough to accommodate all who wish to attend our meetings.

Health of the people good. Bread-stuff very scarce.

Respectfully, etc.,  
M. M. STEELE, Clerk.


There is a man at Helena, Texas, who firmly believes that a new edition of the flood will be issued next November. He is building an ark to hold fifty persons, with provisions for forty days and forty nights. He has the spirit of modern gospel-mongers, though, and will take passengers at \$500 per head. He has an eye to the "main chance" and wants to lay up some treasures on earth for a rainy day.

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